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**MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
FOR MONTH OF
November 1951**

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8. FUNDING					
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9. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE	
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A. OPERATIONS

1. Infiltration

No agents have been infiltrated during the month of November.

2. Exfiltration

Three members of the five-man Chestnut Tree Team parachuted near the town of Peshkopia in Northeastern Albania arrived in Greece on 31 October. They reported that two members of their team had been separated from them in a running gun battle with security forces and that they did not know the fate of these two men. In a radio Tirana broadcast on 24 October 1951 it was reported that Hysen Saliku, parachuted into Albania by the "United States Espionage Services", had been killed by the state security forces. Saliku was the Chestnut Tree Team leader. Because the three exfiltrates were only in Albania for three days, their mission yielded little material of intelligence value.

3. Supply drops

Because of adverse weather conditions in Albania, and W/T instructions from the Pine Tree Team, no supply drops have been made during the month of November.

4. Training

Six Albanians are undergoing W/T training in Germany.

5. Recruiting

No recruiting activities have been reported during the month of November.

6. Status of Operation

a. There may now be two OPC teams in Albania. One, the three-man Walnut Tr

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Team dropped at the mouth of the Shkumbi River in central Albania on 14 October with a W/T set, has not yet been heard from. The other, the four-man Pine Tree Team operating in the area of Lakes in Northeastern Albania, made W/T contact with headquarters on the 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 14th of November. The team advised that half the supplies dropped to them on the 15th of October fell into the hands of the security forces, and stated that one Mator Jabique was captured by the Communists. (Jabique presumably was a local follower of the team). Their messages further indicated that their location was unfit for drops due to the wet snow and fog. They cabled they were moving to lower ground, and requested more snowsuits, food and winter clothing. They asked not to be dropped more than seven containers because they could not now distribute the supplies among their friends. Three unsuccessful attempts have been made to contact the Pine Tree Team by radio since 14 November.

B. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

1. Clandestine Radio Station

The OPC transmitter located near Athens is making daily broadcasts as "The Voice of Free Albania". The Voice of Free Albania broadcasted a special program on 28 November in recognition of "Dite Flamurit", Albanian Independence Day. (See paragraph E below).

2. Publications

a. Shqipëria - Issues of the National Committee for a Free Albania newspaper Shqipëria were published on the 1st, 15th and 28th of this month. The publication of 28 November was a special issue observing National Independence Day. (See paragraph E below).

b. NCPA Newsletter. The first issue of the NCPA English language monthly newsletter was published in Rome on the 28th of November in conjunction with the Albanian celebration of National Independence Day there. (See paragraph E below). This publication is part of the current BOFIEND publicity program to marshal increasing support for the NCPA among Albanian exile groups. It is designed to acquaint the Western world with the overt activities of the NCPA and to provide news items from behind the iron curtain.

3. Propaganda Supply Drop

Although the flight plan for the first of a series of BOFIEND propaganda supply drops scheduled for this month has been approved, the operation was postponed due to adverse weather conditions. The drop will consist of one-pound bags of flour designed for free-fall air dropping. Each bag will contain a propaganda leaflet exploiting the NCPA's unanswered offer of material aid to the Albanian government, transmitted by cable to the Tirana Government in late September. It is anticipated that this drop will be made in early December.

4. Leaflet Drops

500,000 leaflets entitled "Our Reply to the Communist Terror" that were to have been dropped by a British aircraft, were dropped by the OPC covert plane on

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7 November as the British were unable to make the necessary operational arrangements. This leaflet cautions against premature overt actions in defiance of the communist regime and requests the populace to assist NCFA agents.

C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Radio Tirana has announced the sentences of the four OPC agents recently tried in Tirana. Two of the four received the death sentence which was commuted to life imprisonment, the other two received 20-year sentences.

2. Several reports have been received indicating that the Yugoslavs are intensifying their Albanian agent recruiting program in the Near East.

D. ADMINISTRATION

Intelligence Officer. GS-7. departed this month for his assignment as an assistant to OPC Propaganda Officer. [has replaced] as administrative officer and cut-out for BOFIEND operations in Rome.

E. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

The National Committee for a Free Albania observed Dite Flamurit, National Independence Day on 28 November 1951. Every attempt was made to exploit this observance from the publicity standpoint to enhance the stature of the Committee and confirm its position as the most powerful organization of Albanian exiles. The BOFIEND clandestine radio station, Voice of Free Albania, broadcast a special program commemorating Independence Day. 166 guests including 17 press representatives assembled at a reception given by the NCFA in Rome to hear this broadcast. Radio Free Albania, the Albanian language section of Radio Free Europe, broadcast two programs on the 28th of November. One of these broadcasts featured speeches by members of the National Committee in Rome, the other broadcast highlighted talks by Messrs. Dosti and Pali and Dr. Kotta, members of the executive committee of the NCFA currently in New York. The Voice of America made mention of the National Committee's observance of Independence Day. Officials of the United States and British Embassies in Rome attended the committee reception there. This reception was highlighted by the release of the first NCFA newsletter.

Hasan Dosti, Nucci Kotta and Zef Pali, members of the executive committee of the NCFA, were hosts at a small reception in New York City for executives of the NCFA and members of the Albanian colony in New York.

For publicity purposes, telegrams of greeting were sent by the NCFA to the following people:

Anthony Eden
Dean Acheson
Governor Dever of Massachusetts
Governor Dewey of New York
Governor Williams of Michigan
Mayor Impellitteri of N.Y.C.
General Douglas MacArthur

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer
General George C. Marshall
Senator Conally
Senator McMahon
Senator Lodge
Senator Robert A. Taft
Senator Irving Ives

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General Lucius D. Clay
General Carl Spaatz
William Green
Walter Reuther

Senator Herbert Lehman

Telegrams of invitation were sent to the following press organizations:

New York Times
New York Herald Tribune
Philadelphia Bulletin
Philadelphia Inquirer
Boston Herald
Boston Globe
Boston Post

Christian Science Monitor
Detroit Free Press
Life Magazine
Associated Press
United Press
International News Service

A presshandout was prepared for distribution at the reception and some newspaper recognition of the event was secured.

In a telegram to the NCFA headquarters in New York, James E. Webb, Under Secretary of State, acknowledged the NCFA greeting to Acheson on behalf of the Secretary of State. Anthony Eden, presently in Rome, sent a letter of congratulations to the NCFA headquarters there. This high-level recognition of the Committee will be publicized by our NCFA propaganda media.

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